

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 - 6:00 P.M./6:30 P. M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Bill Conner
Councilmember Merle Aaron
Councilmember Andy Curry
Councilmember Allen Lee
Councilman Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Chief Gary Warman
Chief Gary Outlaw
Deputy Court Administrator Tia Brameld
Court Clerk Laura Salinas
Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes
Officer Ben Kay
Civic Center Director Johnnie Scroggins

VISITORS PRESENT:

Juanita Steagall
Linda Aaron
Suzanne West
Mike Byers
Kathy Parks
Corey Turner

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Darrell Boeske read the notice for the public hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS FOR CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. AT THIS TIME ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

THIS BUDGET IS ESTIMATED TO RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEARS'S BUDGET BY \$ (16,000.00) - A DECREASE OF 6%. BASED ON TAXABLE VALUE INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THIS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR.

A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS OR ONLINE AT www.cityofhumble.com.

Mayor McMannes asked if anyone wished to give comments about the proposed budget. No one asked to speak during the public hearing and at 6:30 p.m. he closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - AUGUST 19, 2009 AND AUGUST 27, 2009

Minutes of the council meetings held on August 19th and 27th, 2009 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Allen Lee moved to approve the minutes of August 19th and 27th as printed and circulated.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for the month of August was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Andy Curry moved to approve the financial statement for information purposes.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

Accounts Payable:

General Fund	\$ 175,231.84
W/S Operating Fund	86,871.10
Special Revenue Fund	14,117.75
C.O., Series 1996	2,335.85
C.O., Series 2005A	12,202.83
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>400.00</u>
Total	\$ 291,159.37

<u>Purchase Cards:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 73,594.08
W/S Operating Fund	25,680.81
Special Revenue Fund	4,162.68
C.O., Series 2005B	299.84
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>2,879.84</u>
Total	\$ 106,617.25

Councilmember Lee moved to pay the invoices.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 09-692 DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Resolution No. 09-692 to the mayor and councilmembers for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-692

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mayor McMannes moved that the current representatives remain in the same positions for 2010. (Councilmember Lee - representative and Councilmember Conner - alternate)

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

6. PARADE PERMIT - HUMBLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE - SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. BEGINNING AT MAIN STREET AND BENDER AND ENDING AT CHARLES STREET FIELD

City Manager Boeske presented a request for a parade permit for the Humble High School Homecoming on September 23, 2009 from Main Street to the Charles Street Field. Councilmember Merle Aaron moved to approve agenda item #6 - homecoming parade.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

7. CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE POLICY

City Manager Boeske presented a proposal to amend the current employee sick leave policy by abolishing the two personal days and allowing employees to use sick days for illness, wellness programs and preventive treatments. Currently an employee may accrue 30 sick days but with the new plan, forty eight days could be accrued and then they could bank sick leave days to allow them to receive pay for a maximum of thirty days when they retire or leave their employment. Councilmember Allan Steagall moved to approve agenda item #7.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

8. CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE DISABILITY PLAN FOR NON-OCCUPATIONAL INJURY OR ILLNESS

City Manager Boeske presented a proposal to amend the employee disability plan for non-occupational injury or illnesses. He asked that the present system be amended to allow an employee to max out with seven full weeks of disability payment at seven years and no half pay weeks. Councilman Steagall moved to approve agenda item #8.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 09-673 ADOPTING THE 2009-2010 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-673 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-673

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2009-2010 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the budget for the City of Humble for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010 was presented for consideration; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on said budget was duly given as required by law, that such hearing was duly held prior to the time the City Council levied taxes for the fiscal year; Now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010, be, and the same is hereby in all respects approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. That the several amounts allocated for the purposes named in said budget be, and they are hereby appropriated for such purposes.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately and be in full force upon and after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 10th day of September, 2009.

Councilmember Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 09-673.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None
Motion Carried.

10. REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY COSTS FOR RENTAL PROPERTY - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 110 WEST MAIN STREET - AS STIPULATED IN LEASE CONTRACT

Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve agenda item #10. Councilmember Aaron moved to amend the motion to have the city manager and a representative of the chamber meet and discuss the maintenance and utility costs for the chamber building and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned. 6:39 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary